Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

May, 2008

QAHS to Give Landmark Recognition to West Queen Anne School

Open House to Follow

Save the date, **Saturday, Aug. 9**, for a special recognition of West Queen Anne School. The Queen Anne Historical Society, in cooperation with Historic Seattle, invite you to participate at the unveiling of a Landmark Recognition plaque at the historic 1890 school, now condos, at 5th Ave. W. and W. Galer.

The plaque program was funded by a generous grant from the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Washington. This is the first in an ongoing series of plaques to be placed in recognition of Queen Anne landmarks. Char Eggleston is chair of the Landmark Recognition Project.

Along with the plaque presentation, Historic Seattle will be holding an open house tour of the school itself and a

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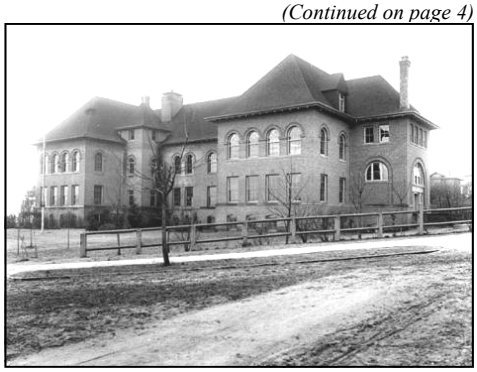

West Queen Anne School in 1903.

Stairways of Queen Anne!

Wonderful New Map to be Unveiled

Wed. May 28th, 7:00 pm

You've all climbed up and down some of Queen Anne's many public stairs. How many are there? Do you know where they all are?

At our annual meeting on May 28th, all will be revealed. A unique map of Queen Anne and its stairs has been created by Thomas Horton, an architectural designer, cartographer, illustrator and historical researcher. Thomas, a walking enthusiast who lives on Queen Anne, began this project over a year ago and has been working with the Society since last fall to develop an illustrated map showing the location of our community's many stairs. Such a map will be a wonderful tool for walkers and others wishing to explore Queen Anne, as well as those who are just curious.

The program for our annual meeting has been moved up to 7:00 pm and relocated to the community room of the Queen Anne Library at 4th W and W Garfield, so as to accommodate a large crowd expected. Enter by the east door, on 4th Ave. W.

This is also our Society's annual meeting, at which QAHS board members are elected and other business conducted. The map will be available to review and eventually will be available for sale in local tourist outlets.

New Location and Earlier Start
Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 7:00 pm
Queen Anne Library
Community Room
Fourth Ave. W. and W. Garfield St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information contact John Hennes , 206-284-2266.

Comstock Stairs
Photo by Bruce Jones

Membership Notice—New Renewal Dates!

The Membership Year has been changed to Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. On page 3 is a letter from our membership chairperson, Holly Smith describing our new membership schedule. Please read this letter to understand these changes.

To learn more, call our Membership Chair, Holly Smith, 206-282-7515 (holly@qahistory.org)

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Calendar of Heritage Events

Wed. May 28, 2008
QAHS Program: The Stairways of Queen Anne, by Thomas Horton. Our Annual Meeting. **Note Location & Time Change:** Queen Anne Library, 7:00 pm. Free. (See story page 1)

Thur. May 29, 2008
Magnolia Event: Eleanor Roosevelt in Appearance at Magnolia Historical Society meeting. Debbie Dimitre, historical actress. Magnolia Lutheran Church, 2414 31st Ave W., 7:00 pm. (See story page 4)

Sat. May 31, 2008
Auction: Restoration fundraising auction for the former Seventh Church, at the church at 2555 8th Ave W., 6 pm (See www.another100years.com)

Sun. June 1, 2008
Home Tour: St. Anne Tour of Homes. (See www.stanneseattle.org)

Sat. June 28, 2008
QAHS Walking Tour: The Society's annual historical walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 10 am. Free.

Sat. Aug. 9, 2008
QAHS Event: Landmark Recognition of W. Queen Anne School and open house at the school (sponsored by Historic Seattle), 5th W and W Galer. See www.historicseattle.org for times and tour prices. (See story page 1)

Wed. Sept. 24, 2008
QAHS Program: Queen Anne's Grand Homes of the Past, by Bruce Jones. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Tue. Oct. 28, 2008
Event: Assoc. of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) meeting, to be held on Queen Anne, 9:30 am. In work.

Wed. Nov. 26, 2008
QAHS Program: Washington Then & Now, by Paul Dorpat and Jean Sherrard. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Here It Is Again— Our Annual Cemetery Tour Sat. June 28, 10 am

Gather your hats and walking shoes and be at **Mt. Pleasant Cemetery entrance at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 28**. The Queen Anne Historical Society's annual walking tour will survey Women of the Northwest.

The focus is on women, from artists to teachers to publishers, to acknowledge the role they had in shaping the Northwest.

Our local historical cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, is like a library of northwest history. Every stone has a story. Owners Bill and Loretta Edwards have been gracious hosts of these tours since we began giving them in 1997.

Temple De Hirsch Sinai has also supported these tours and every tour illustrates the diversity of the people who made Seattle and the Northwest.

Bring your walking shoes and prepare for uneven ground.

A new marker memorializes Linda Farris, NW art gallery owner and arts supporter.
Photo by John Hennes

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community in Seattle, WA and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

Membership Notice

May 1, 2008

A message from Holly Smith, the Society's new membership chairperson:

Dear Members;

As you may know, our long time membership chairperson resigned last year, and as with anything that one person has done for a long time, the new person's transition to the job can be rocky! Now that I have been working at this for a whole nine months, and with the board of trustees' approval, I am making some changes to our memberships. I wish to thank all of you for your patience and cooperation with me during this transition.

First, we are changing the membership year from an academic calendar (June to May) to a regular calendar year (January to December). This change was highlighted in last month's Cobblestone newsletter. From now on, all memberships will run from January to December. This means that current members that paid their memberships from June 2007 through May 2008 will get an additional six month of membership and their memberships will extend through December of 2008. We have done this to make the billing less confusing and to bring us in line with most other member organizations. Memberships that are given as Christmas or holiday gifts were always a bookkeeping nightmare, and this will simplify that also.

The second topic is whether we need to have membership cards? As you know, we don't ask that you present them at the meetings, so some members have expressed that they are an unnecessary expense. Others like giving the membership cards as a physical manifestation of the membership. I can see both sides of this situation. We are always looking for ways to make your membership be of value to you, it is of course of great value to us. Memberships help fund our public programs, tours and historic preservation work. The membership dues pay for most of our expenses. The Queen Anne Historical Society is a 501(c) (3) non-profit and none of the Board Members are paid. Everything Board Members do is strictly voluntary. Also, we have had some great donations, for example, Panda Laboratories have donated their services to enlarge and print historic photos that adorn the Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce and Neighborhood Service Centers and Queen Anne Framing donated their services to frame and mount the photos. The Queen Chamber of Commerce has donated prizes for our annual Holiday Lighting Contest. Well, I don't want to make this a treasurer's report, but I do want our members to know that we are very fiscally responsible with your membership dollars. I hope that there will be a benefit to showing your membership card in the near future, so I am in favor of keeping the cards.

If you have opinions on this or any membership concerns please feel free to contact me. The easiest for me is through *Holly@qahistory.org*, but if you don't have a computer you can write to me through PO Box 19432, Seattle, WA 98109. My telephone number is 206-282-7515, but my phone messages frequently get erased by my mischievous cats, so unless you reach me after work hours, that is the least reliable way to contact me.

THE GOOD NEWS IS—DO NOT SEND RENEWALS IN JUNE THIS YEAR, take a break and wait to send your renewal in December!

Holly Smith, Membership Chair

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number of its condo units. The historic school, which closed in 1981, became a national model for adaptive reuse of surplus school buildings when it reopened in 1984. Historic Seattle was instrumental in developing the lease/option agreement that allowed this development to proceed and to save the building.

Check the Queen Anne News for time of the Aug. 9th presentation and go to our website www.qahistory.org or to www.historicseattle.org for information, for tour ticket prices and to register online.

Heritage News

Eleanor Roosevelt Visits Magnolia, May 29

The Magnolia Historical Society will host a visit from Eleanor Roosevelt this month. **Debbie Dimitre**, historical actress, will portray Eleanor Roosevelt **May 29th, Thursday, in the Fireside Room at Magnolia Lutheran Church, 7-9 pm,** refreshments will be served. The church is at 2414 31st Ave. W.

Eleanor Roosevelt in Magnolia at Christmas 1937.
Courtesy Magnolia Historical Society

Eleanor Roosevelt spent time in Magnolia's Lawton Wood neighborhood where her daughter Anna resided with her family. Mrs. Roosevelt wrote of the experiences in her national column "My Day". Debbie Dimitre has made several appearances before the Queen Anne Historical Society, and always to very appreciative audiences.

Elfrieda Apartments in 1937.
Tax photo courtesy Washington State Archives.

Elfrieda Apartments Now a Preservation Issue

The Elfrieda Apartment Building, located at 1932 QA Ave. N., is included in a parcel of property recently acquired by Joe Geivett, developer of the Eden Hill property on the west side of the same block. The Elfrieda block houses the Metropolitan Market. The Elfrieda, built sometime between 1913 and 1916 by Louis Nunnemacher, and named for his wife, has been targeted for potential demolition.

In response to community concern, the Society's board has voted to support preservation and adaptive reuse of this fine example of early 20th century middle class housing. Char Eggleston, Vice President and Chair of the Society's Landmarks / Preservation Committee, and Leanne Olson met with Mr. Geivett, who agreed to obtain an independent structural engineering assessment to determine feasibility of retaining and incorporating the Elfrieda into his proposed development for the site.

Isabel Egglin and QAHS Receive Chamber Award

The Queen Anne Historical Society was the recipient of the Heritage Award at the Second Annual Chamber Business Awards dinner on March 11. The awards are presented by the Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce to businesses and organizations in the Queen Anne community who bring the highest standards and contributions to the community.

Isabel has been active on the Chamber board of directors for several years and has helped keep them linked to heritage issues and public opinion. She was specifically mentioned in their award and was presented the engraved crystal model of the Space Needle trophy.

Other awards went to the Queen Anne and Magnolia News (President's Award), QA Helpline (Community Service Award), HomeStreet Bank (Small Business Award) and Vulcan, Inc. (Large Business Award).

Auction to Help Restore the Seventh Church Building

A fund raising auction called, "Another 100 Years" will be held on **Saturday, May 31 at 6 pm** at the church at 2555 8th Avenue West. The beautiful 1926 Neo-Byzantine church was designed by Harlan Thomas, who designed many Seattle buildings including the Sorrento Hotel, the Chelsea Apartments, Harborview Hospital and the Queen Anne Library.

We know the building as the Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist, who owned the church until last year. Today it is home to the Seattle Church of Christ. They are refurbishing the grounds and restoring the building and will use the auction funds towards this end. Your participation is sought as either gift donor or auction bidder.

To learn more, go to the auction website, www.another100years.com.

In recent days the church members have been working with contractors to develop a courtyard area at the corner of 8th Ave. W. and W. Halliday St. that will hold a fountain and seating benches and be available to the public passing by.

Seattle Church of Christ at 8th W. and W. Halliday. Nobody said preservation was easy.

Heritage News (Cont.)

Big Howe Play Area Opens

After four years of planning and fund raising, the Big Howe Improvement Project (B-HIP) has opened Phase One of the playground project at West Queen Anne Playfield. The May 3 opening saw local kids enjoying the new facilities.

Big Howe Improvement Project opens Phase One of the improvements at Howe Field. West Queen Anne Playfield has seen many changes in the last century.

The playground upgrade is just one of many changes in the playfield in the last 100 years. This one was developed and funded by Queen Anne residents and local grants with no help from Seattle Parks.

AYP Exposition Centennial

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition was held in Seattle in 1909. Next year will see a number of centennial celebrations of this extraordinary happening in our young city (see www.aype.org for details).

Our Society would like to support the centennial by developing a program around the AYPE and researching the Queen Anne connection to our fair city's first world's fair event. For instance, George Kinnear built the De La Mar apartments to house his exposition visitors and Harry Whitney Treat is reported to have advanced $100,000 to guarantee the fair's planning and promotion.

Does your family have any connection with the AYPE? Do you have any family photos or stories about it? Please let us know and we'll incorporate it in next year's events. Call or write us (see page one contact info).

Spotlight on the Board
Del Loder

Del Loder grew up in Magnolia, attending Magnolia and Lawton Grade Schools and Queen Anne High School, graduating in 1946. He attended the University of Washington for two years when he was offered a job with the King Broadcasting Company in 1950, when KING TV was the only TV station west of the Mississippi and North of San Francisco. He held many positions in the Sales and Program departments spending his final years there as the TV Sales Service Manager responsible for all commercial accounts after sale.

Del Loder

His interest in Scouting goes back to his youth when he joined one of the seven Scout Troops in Magnolia in 1944. He progressed through all the ranks and reached Eagle Scout with the presentation ceremony at the Moore Theatre, with the Queen Anne High School Choir providing the musical selections.

As an adult he has held many positions, including Scoutmaster and Explorer Adviser as well as positions on the District, Council and Region level. He has been on the National Council of the BSA for over 35 years, where he is the senior member of the Order of the Arrow national committee (the National BSA Honor Society). He has worked on over 600 Eagle Scout Boards of Review and Courts of Honor, including mentoring three local Scouts on Eagle Scout projects built around historic themes.

Del's father was a postal carrier for over 20 years on Queen Anne and Del spent several summers walking the routes on Queen Anne accompanying his father, from which he gained much first hand knowledge of QA history and geography.

In 1992 Del wrote the final chapter for Queen Anne: Community on the Hill, "Staying on Queen Anne Forever," The chapter was centered on Mount Pleasant Cemetery and the funeral homes on Queen Anne. With the knowledge gained from this project, he recommended to the board the rich stories to be told from the people buried there. This led to the first cemetery tour in 1997 and continues to this day.

Del joined the Queen Anne Historical Society Board of Trustees in 1993 for one year, then rejoined in 1998, serving until now. He has chaired the research and distinguished Queen Anners committee and the program committee. He has conducted much research in connection with the cemetery tours and the people buried there. He has organized and developed materials for walking tours of Highland Drive and other Queen Anne locales. For many years Del has provided van transportation for society activities, including driving the judges of our annual holiday lighting contest. In recent years he has been the society's representative to AKCHO, attending all their meetings.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address_____

City _____, State _____ Zip_____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

___ Individual	$15	___ Patron	$50 - $199
___ Family	$20	___ Benefactor	$200 & up
___ Student/Senior	$8	___ Contribution only, $_____	

___ I would like to become active in the Society.

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Return with payment to: *Queen Anne Historical Society, PO Box 19432, Seattle, WA 98109-1432*

I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: $25
($20 for members)
Hard cover: $45
($40 for members)

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty:____

Soft cover cost: $_____

Hard cover qty:____

Hard cover cost: $_____

Mailing costs at $3/book: _____

Total Cost: $_____

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***Coming up*: How many public stairs are there on Queen Anne? Find out at the Wed. May 28 general meeting at the Queen Anne Library, at 7:00 pm. Story page 1.**

Kim's Musings

Stairways to Heaven

Fifty years ago we bought most of our groceries and meats from two stores on Fifth Avenue North. The first, Aloha Meats, was run from 1923 through 1973 by the Swanson brothers, Harold and Fred, and their families. They provided fresh meats, eggs, cheese, milk and other dairy products, along with some specialty items including pickled pig's feet, pickled herring, and pickles. Their meats were so good my mother used to say she would trust them enough to eat them raw. Often, especially if we had Saturday appointments downtown, we would leave a list with them, they would wrap it all, and take it across the street to Bigelow's Foods, who received our major grocery list. Victor and Ivy Bigelow ran the grocery, along with help from their daughters. They would pack our order in boxes, and deliver the boxes to our house on Sixth North, leaving the boxes on the front porch. When we got home, the groceries, etc. would be waiting for us.

I can't ever remember anything being missing, although one time a neighbor's dog, a boxer named Mitzi, got loose and came around and got into a loaf of bread and some wieners. We took the remnants over to their porch and left them there. Bigelow's Foods supplied us with most of the basics, including fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and all canned and dried goods—cereals, coffee and tea, and Carnation Ice cream – the best Seattle ever had. They stocked a lot of West's Best canned fruits and vegetables, which we bought regularly. At that time, West's Best had a gift program going: for 150 labels, which you turned in to your store (they would forward the packet) West's Best would send some exotic treasure from somewhere around the world – it could be an item from India, China, Africa or Latin America. They were always treasures, even if they were not huge. We never knew what would be in the next package.

We also had the Aloha Pharmacy, on the corner, next to Bigelow's Foods. The Harrigers carried all major drugs, sundries, comic books and candy. They had a small luncheon counter with soda fountain, and some of the best ice cream, which we usually bought in bulk containers to take home, or in cones to consume before we got to our block. Those were especially nice during the truly hot summer days we had. The pharmacy and Bigelow's Foods are gone now, and the butcher shop houses something different, although its building is still there.

Hope we get good spring weather soon – it's almost time for the walking tours!

Kim R. Turner, Researcher, QAHS

**Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?
Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266
for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**